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1. Gimnaziya students, workers and officials in every government office and employees of all sorts of enterprises are required to attend paramilitary courses. Workers and officials are required to attend at least one of the following courses. They may elect to attend more than one. Informant does not know which of the following courses students are required to take:
 - a. Naroden Strelets - National marksmanship (carbine only);
 - b. Kurs za Automatzhik - Course for sub-machine gunnery;
 - c. Kurs za Kartechari - Course for machine gunnery (light and heavy);
 - d. Kurs za Radisti - Course for radio operators; and
 - e. Kurs za Parashutisti - Course for parachutists.
2. In addition, all workers and officials are required to complete PVKhO (Protivo-Vuzdushna i Khimicheska Otbrana; Antiaircraft and Chemical Warfare Defense) course. Executives and active Communists are required to attend another course in antiaircraft and chemical warfare defense, "MPVKhO." Informant does not know the significance of these initials nor the content of the course.
3. The courses are arranged by the DOSO (Dobrovolna Organizatsiya za Sudeystvie na Otbranata; Voluntary Organization to Facilitate the Defense) organization in each establishment. It is not necessary to be a member of the DOSO to

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attend the courses. The DSNM (Dimitrovski Soyuz na Narodnata Mladezh; Dimitrov's Union of the People's Youth) assures that every worker attends some course.

4. The instructors of these courses are workers who are members of the Communist Party and have attended instructor training courses. They receive extra pay for this work.
5. Each course is held once or twice a week for six to eight months. The weapons familiarization courses take place at each office or enterprise; wireless courses are conducted at various centralized locations; and there is a single parachute course per city.
6. Graduates of each course are issued a certificate and a rosette.

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